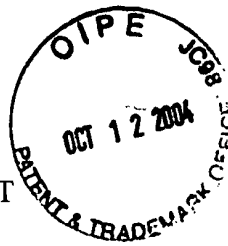


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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 09/926,713 :
FILED: MARCH 5, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3742
FOR: CERAMIC HEATER :

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3) requesting that the Examiner be instructed by the Commissioner or his representative to notify Applicants of proper consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filing (IDS) filed on July 21, 2004.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On July 21, 2004, Applicants filed the above-noted IDS under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, as evidenced by the enclosed date-stamped filing receipt and copies of the IDS papers, including the List of References Cited by Applicant. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has not responded to this IDS filing by supplying Applicants with a copy of the List of References, which has been properly initialed by the Examiner.

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ACTION REQUESTED

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner be directed to provide Applicants with a copy of the List of References filed on July 21, 2004, properly initialed and executed by the Examiner in correspondence with the rules.

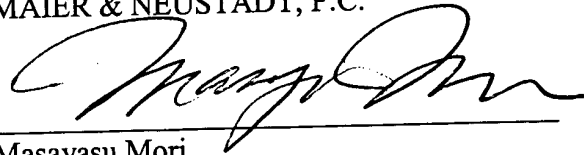
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